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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ICFTU WORKING GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA

REF: A. BRUSSELS 05838 B. CARACAS 8601 NOTAL

1. ICFTU SECGEN OTTO KERSTEN DURING MEETING WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 21 SAID FIRST MEETING OF SUBJECT WORKING GROUP SET UP BY ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD (REFTEL) NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11-12 IN MEXICO CITY. GROUP IS TO PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATION TO ICFTU CONGRESS OCTOBER 17.

2. KERSTEN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ASSISTANT SECGEN VANDERVEKEN IN EMBOFF'S PRESENCE THAT PROPOSAL OF OCTOBER DATES HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN LABOR FEDERATION (CTM) VELAZQUEZ. VANDERVEKEN REPLIED THAT THOSE DATES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR J. MORRIS OF CANADA. KERSTEN SAID MORRIS WOULD HAVE TO DESIGNATE SUBSTITUTE TO REPRESENT HIM AT MEETING. KERSTEN THOUGHT OF CALLING MORRIS TO DISCUSS THIS WITH HIM AND THEN RECALLED THAT MORRIS IS CURRENTLY VISITING SOVIET

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UNION.

3. ICFTU SECRETARIAT IS REPORTEDLY PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR
RESTRUCTURING OF ICFTU LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION (ORIT) TO BE
SUBMITTED TO WORKING GROUP MEETING.

4. COMMENT: WOULD APPEAR THERE HAS BEEN SOME SLIPPAGE IN DATE
OF MEETING SINCE VANDERVEKEN HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT MEETING
WOULD BE HELD IN MID-SEPTEMBER. RENNER

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